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SUPPLEMENT

1. The Italian Communist Party is reported to have formed a "National Reorganization Movement", which makes an attempt to appear as a "national" movement, but is actually another "front" created by the Communist Party, in the hope of bringing in various classes which have hitherto been wary of Communism.
2. The object of the movement is the reorganization of the Italian economic system by means of progressive measures aimed at attaining and developing the objectives outlined by Togliatti at the Economic Congress on 23 August 1945.
3. The Communist Party in the hope of attracting the middle class and the small saver, declared itself opposed to inflation and, on this premise, it promises to fight for the interests of those two social groups. At the economic congress, Togliatti made the following statement of party aims:
 - (a) To guard the interests of small merchants and of small or medium entrepreneurs and of business in general in the spirit of reconstruction and of economic recovery.
 - (b) To promote concrete means for helping small producers and their associations, as well as to free them from monopolistic "trusts" and release them from the harness of speculative finance capitalism.
 - (c) To initiate a reform of public administration aimed at raising the standard of living and eliminating corruption.
 - (d) To insist on adequate salaries for magistrates and assure their independence.
 - (e) To launch a series of measures aimed at improving the economic condition and the professional status of teachers. (Comment: This program is already under way, and elementary and "middle" school teachers' groups have already been set up in the Communist Party.)
 - (f) To court Italian artisans with measures to their advantage and thus bring them into the Communist Party (which considers craftsmen members of the middle class).

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4. With the realization of this program the Communist Party intends to win the sympathy of the middle class and the petite bourgeoisie, which is as important a factor in Italian social and economic life.
5. For the launching of the so-called "National Reorganization Movement", the Communist Party is believed to be relying on the Action Party, the Socialist extremists, and even on the extreme left of the Christian Democratic Party, headed by Ravaioli, right hand of Guido Miglioli.
6. For the realization of the program, it was necessary to create an organ operating outside the party in order not to arouse suspicion and therefore a Centro Economico per la Ricostruzione (Economic Reconstruction Center) was set up a few months ago, with headquarters at 69 Via Palestro, Rome, and a branch office at 3 Via Borgonuovo, Milan.
7. The purpose of the Center, in brief, is to contribute with a spirit of national solidarity and democratic intentions to the promotion of careful studies on all problems relating to reconstruction; to the establishment of groups of technical and economic experts disposed to lend their professional skill and experience to the national reconstruction; and the dissemination, support, and perfection of every popular initiative pertaining to reconstruction, to the end of shaking the spirit of passivity and delay now affecting economic recovery.
8. With the realization of these ends the Communist Party hopes to arm itself against the possibility of an eventual boycott by industrialists, recruiting new technical experts faithful to the Communist Party capable of administering and directing large industries.
9. Plans for contacting the C.I.R. (Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction), Relevant Ministries, Camera Centrale Economica, Chamber of Commerce, Regional and Provincial Economic Commissions, Confindustria, and Federterra are included in the program of the Centro.
10. Representatives of any political grouping may belong to the Center, even ex-Fascists, providing they were not collaborationists. This tolerance is explained by the fact that the Communist Party lacks leaders in the syndical field and is trying to fill this gap by admitting persons who are experts on these problems, even though they belong to other political parties.
11. The Center consists of: (a) Directorate, composed of a President, two Vice Presidents, and a group of Counsellors charged with superintending and orienting all the activity of the organization; and (b) a permanent secretariat whose members may belong to the Directorate and whose task is the directing of the Center.
12. The Communist Party attaches great importance to this Center, which is closely linked with the National Reorganization Movement, and is reported to have already spent several million lire for the speedy development of the Center, which has been organized on the pattern of a similar institute in Russia.
13. The Center has held many meetings, in various Italian cities. In Rome the meetings have been held in the Parlamentino Hall in the Ministry of Agriculture, and at the theater of the Bank of Italy on Piazza Fontanella Borghese.

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After the preliminary lectures, prominent members of the audience realized that the Center represented a Communist movement and avoided attending further meetings, lest they be censured by the offices they represented.

14. President and coordinator of the Center is Professor Antonio Pesenti, a Communist; vice-president is Professor Giovanni De Maria, an intellectual and member of the Communist Party; second-vice-president is Guido Molinelli, who has a degree in physico-mathematics, and is secretary of the Constituent Assembly. It is obvious that the "elite" of the Communist Party was chosen to head the movement, which indicates that the Party wants to give importance to the National Reorganization Movement through the Economic Center.
15. The members of the National Reorganization Movement are apparently bound to secrecy concerning the aims of the movement. However, it has not yet been possible to ascertain the existence of a formal oath.

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